

CARES Act and State Rental Assistance Funding

Overview

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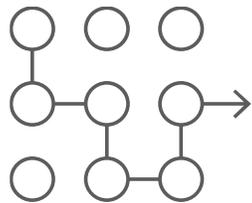
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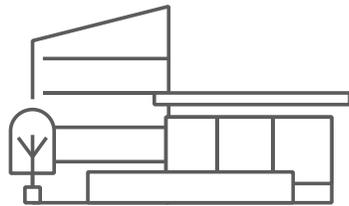
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Agenda

- **Welcome**
- **Unmet need for rental assistance**
- **Overview rental assistance funds**
- **CARES Act Funds**
 - Eviction Rent Assistance Program (ERAP)
 - Emergency Solutions Grant – CV (ESG CV)
 - State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - Treasury Rent Assistance Program (T-RAP)
- **Potential new state funds for ERAP**
- **Other legislation introduced**

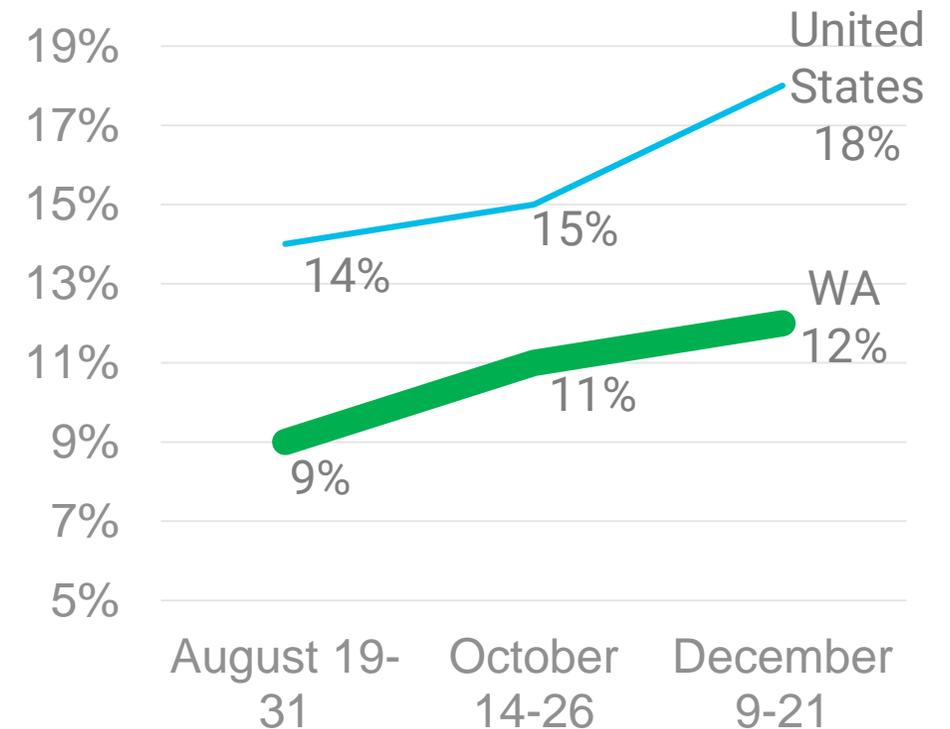
Housekeeping:

- This call is being recorded.
- PowerPoint slides and Zoom recording will be posted on Commerce website.
- Link will be sent to all meeting participants.

Unmet need for rental assistance

- **Census Bureau Pulse Survey:**
 - December 2020: 12% of WA renters (127,329 households) are not caught up on rent payments
- **Median rent in Washington is \$1,184**
- **Estimate of one month of unpaid rent in WA: \$151 million**

Households not caught up on rent



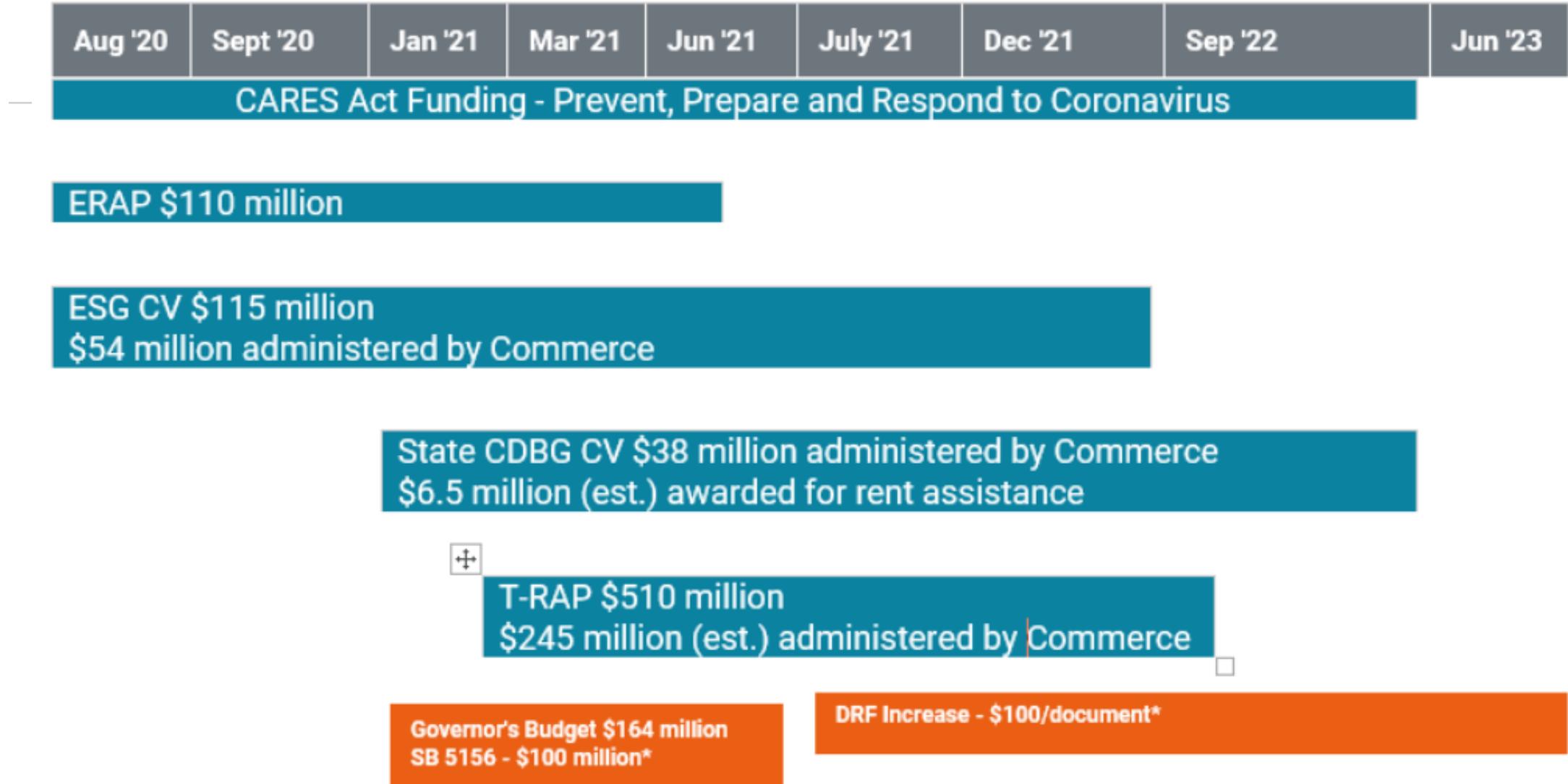
Sources:

<https://www.census.gov/data/experimental-data-products/household-pulse-survey.html>

<https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=median%20rent&q=0400000US53&tid=ACSDT1Y2018.B25058&hidePreview=false>

Rental Assistance Funds - Overview

2020-2023 CONTINUUM



*Pending legislative action

Eviction Rent Assistance Program (ERAP)

Aug'20 – Jun'21

- ERAP originally ended December 30, 2020 – now extended to June 30, 2021
 - Invoices through December due Jan. 20, 2021
- By and For Outreach – preliminary data shows State met or exceeded benchmarks
- Local governments and non profit grantees are mostly reporting full spend out
 - Anticipate serving up to 20,000 people at program end

Emergency Solutions Grant – CV

Jul'20-Sept'22

- **Funds Prevention Rent Assistance and Rapid ReHousing**
must be low barrier with a housing first orientation
- **Must spend 20% by Sept. 2021**
- **Must spend 80% by March 2022**
- **Program regulations established in**
 - [24 CFR §576](#)
 - HUD ESG Interim Rule ([ESG Program and Consolidated Plan Conforming Amendment of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 576, Docket No. FR-5474-I-01, RIN 2506-AC29](#))
 - [ESG-CV Notice](#)

Community Development Block Grant

Jan'21-Jan'23

- **Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus**
- **\$99 million for housing support, economic development, health and other public services**
- **\$38 million administered by Commerce, of which ~ \$6.5 million awarded in response to local requests and administered locally for rent assistance.**

New CARES Act funds for rental assistance

- **Coronavirus Relief Bill \$900 billion pandemic relief package**
 - \$25 billion available to assist households that are unable to pay rent/utilities due to pandemic
- **Created an emergency rental assistance program to be administered by Dept. of Treasury**
 - <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares/emergency-rental-assistance-program>
- **States, local govt's and Indian tribes deadline to apply 1/12/2021**
 - WA State submitted an application on 1/11/2021
- **Formula award to WA State**
 - \$510 million
- **Direct awards with more than 200,000 residents within 30 days, per statute**
- **Requires quarterly reports on spending; Office of Inspector General will conduct oversight of program**

Treasury Rent Assistance Program (T-RAP)

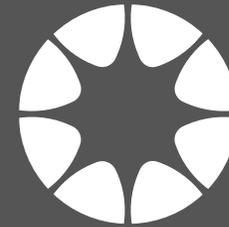
Commerce current activities:

- **Need legislative action to spend**
 - When can Commerce anticipate making funds available in contracts?
- **Reassigned lead staff and hiring new staff to stand up program**
 - Not absorbing in current homeless/crisis response work
- **Reviewing Relief Bill statute language; Dept. of Treasury guidance and FAQ and participating in conference calls; national technical assistance resources (NLIHC, NAEH)**
- **Developing formula for awards, guidelines, procedures, quarterly reporting and billing documents**

Potential New Funds for ERAP

Governor's budget, proposed state funding:

- \$100 million in an early action bill from budget stabilization account, through June 2021 – Implementation immediate
- \$64 million supplemental budget, through June 2021
 - Estimated 23,000 households served
- \$164 million 2021-23 budget, ramps down through June 2023
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- Senate Bill 5156



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Thank you

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